



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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During September, PPQ detected *P. ramorum* at three facilities in Oregon. Two finds were at production farms owned by the same company, the third at a bark processing and composting facility. Delimiting surveys have been conducted at the sites and trace back and trace forward investigations are underway. The production nursery, which is under a PPQ Emergency Action Notification and cannot ship suspect material –, had shipped plants from its farms to nurseries and garden centers nationwide. Testing at the composting facility is complete and it has been released from hold.

As of September 29, 2004 the total number of confirmed positive sites from the trace forward, national, and other survey finds is 160 in 21 States. The total includes three residential finds; two in Georgia and one in South Carolina and one environs find in New York. The breakdown per State is: Alabama (3), Arkansas (1), Arizona (1), California (53), Colorado (1), Florida (6), Georgia (18), Louisiana (5), Maryland (2), North Carolina (9), New Jersey (1), New Mexico (1), New York (1), Oklahoma (1), Oregon (13), Pennsylvania (indoor), South Carolina (3), Tennessee (2), Texas (11), Virginia (2) and Washington (25).

APHIS - PPQ *P. ramorum* National Survey activities are complete in 14 Western Region states (Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Iowa, Idaho, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming) and 13 Eastern Region states (Connecticut, Florida, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Wisconsin). The southern states that suspended their national survey activities until weather conditions were more conducive to *P. ramorum* symptom expression are restarting their surveys. As of September 29, 2004, participating States through out the nation have surveyed 2,215 sites and have collected 39,878 samples; 15 national survey sites are confirmed positive.